

the once heavily-wooded districts of Maine and Michigan there is now left standing not more than a year or two's yield. Mr. Little states "that the forests of the vast territory extending from the confines of New Brunswick to the head waters of the Mississippi are almost on the verge of immediate exhaustion." What has been cut for shingles, added to the amount sawn into lumber, has made great inroads, chiefly on the rapidly disappearing stock of spruce and white pine. The same writer observes, that so frightful has been the forest slaughter that the 29 billion feet reported as standing ten years ago in Lower Michigan have dwindled to 3 billion feet, or one-tenth the amount standing in that year. The same reckless consumption has been going on in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont; the spruce in the Adirondack region of New York, which was estimated ten years ago at 5 billion feet, with a limited amount in the mountain districts of Pennsylvania, has now, it appears, been pretty well harvested. "To-day," adds Mr. Little, "for every mill-owner who has five years' stock remaining, there are ten who have not one. The mills are being dismantled, burnt stump lands are being again cut over, all floatable timber of every kind is being taken to the mills to be converted into lumber, and mill-owners are now making onslaught on our Canadian pine to keep their otherwise useless saw mills in operation." The result of American recklessness is beginning to come home to our neighbours, and it will be well for us to profit by their experience. By forest destruction a hundred industries connected with lumber will suffer, as well as the lumber trade itself; railway and shipping interests will be affected; and even our climate will undergo, indeed it is already undergoing, a serious change.

—The demand of another half million for Schools in Toronto though since abated, has startled Toronto and made people ask whether this source of expenditure ought not to be brought under regular control. To exempt it from regular control was